

August 21st, 2025



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The (Associate) Pastor's Column

“What have you been up to this summer?” It’s late enough into the season that I’m hearing this question more and more before and after Masses. Many folks around the parish have spent some portion of the summer, and in particular this month of August, preparing for fall parish programming. That includes spiritual preparation. This month alone a host of ministry teams have gone on retreat to ground themselves spiritually as we enter a new ministry year. OSP and Apostolist had their leadership team retreats just in the last couple weeks.

Indeed anything we do in the life of our community, especially when it comes to planning programs and events, must begin with prayer, reflection and discernment of what the Holy Spirit is calling us to in this time. For this reason, we as a pastoral staff also took some time away just last week to do some reflection of our own. I want to share a bit about our retreat day in hopes that it

might be of use for your own prayer in these waning days of August.

Our pastoral staff took as our retreat theme the words of Jesus in Matthew 9:37, “The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.” This passage is meaningful in a host of ways. We are, with you, laborers in God’s vineyard. To that end, we started our day reflecting on the last year in the life of our parish, sharing with one another the experiences that nourished us and those that challenged us. We then transitioned to consider where we are now, reflecting on the needs and opportunities we see in the present time, specifically what we’re hearing from all of you. Finally, we turned toward the coming year, considering where our attention is needed most. There are so many opportunities we have, and we’re asking the Holy Spirit to help us discern where to direct our attention. In his homily during the Mass that closed our day, Fr. Eric asked each of us to respond to the question, “Where do you see ‘abundance’ at St. Paul’s?” This afforded a space to share the many ways God has blessed us as a parish community.

Over the next week, could I invite you to pray with this question too? “Where is God’s abundance evident in your life?” Consider making a list of your answers. Offer a prayer of thanks for that abundance. Finally, aware of those blessings, ask God what you might be called to in this season of your life? Framing “season” in terms of the coming months or year may be helpful. Trust that God will respond in the time that’s right for you. I’ll be joining you in this prayer.

I am so grateful to serve on a parish staff as faithful, dedicated, kind, effective, and fun as this one. It is a real gift, and one I don’t take for granted! We’re praying with you that this be a truly Spirit-filled year in our shared ministry as a parish.

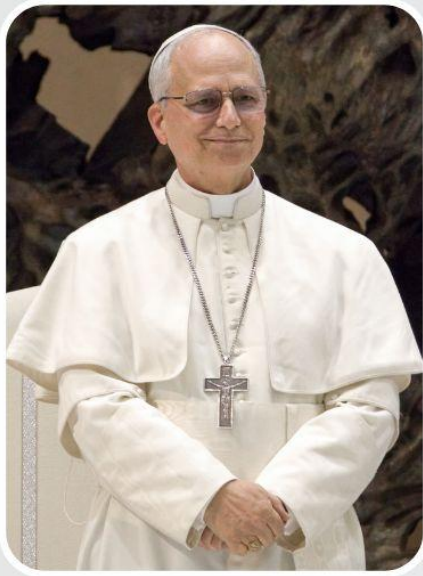
Blessings,



Fr. Chris Lawton, CSP
Associate Pastor, St. Paul the Apostle

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND



Pope Leo has called the faithful to join with him tomorrow in prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

A DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING
FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

[Read More from America Magazine](#)



AFTER MASS HANG

SUNDAE, SUNDAE, SUNDAE

JOIN US AFTER MASS. GET TO KNOW APOSTOLIST,
AND BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE!!!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

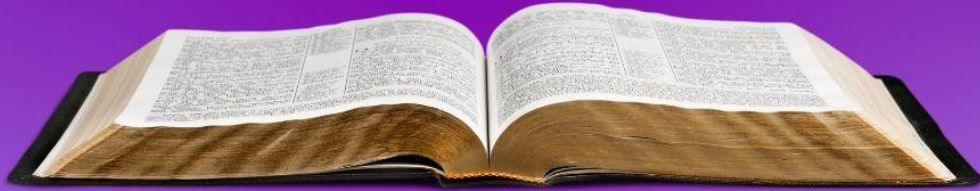
6:30 - 8:00

LOCATION: ST PAULS PARISH CENTER





Bible Study



**Wednesday, September 3rd
at 7 PM**



ACADEMY OF SACRED DRAMA

St. Paul the Apostle is happy to introduce the Academy of Sacred Drama for a performance of Judith and the Invader.

Founded by Jeremy Rhizor in 2013, the Academy seeks to revive the long-overlooked genre of Baroque oratorio – dramatic musical works rooted in biblical narratives and the lives of saints. The pieces performed by the group are rarely heard by American audiences.

JUDITH AND THE INVADER

BASED ON LA GIUDITTA “DI CAMBRIDGE”
BY ALESSANDRO SCARLATTI

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
AT 7:30PM

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

8 COLUMBUS AVENUE | NEW YORK, NY | 10023



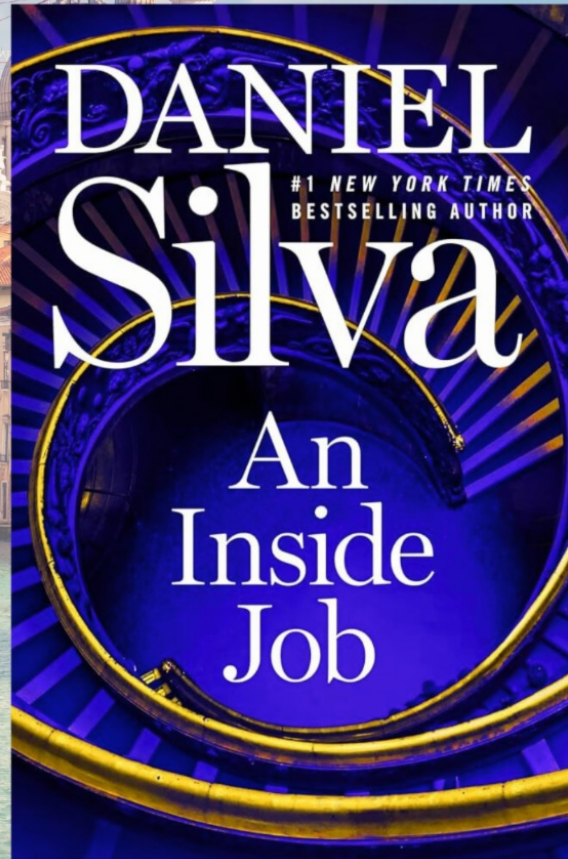
Premiered in Italy in 1697, Alessandro Scarlatti’s dramatic oratorio, **La Giuditta “di Cambridge,”** features a libretto by Prince Antonio Ottoboni based on the Book of Judith and a score for three voices, basso continuo, and strings. In this production, St. Paul’s parishioner Tony Lopresti serves as movement director.

ADMISSION RANGES FROM \$15-\$60 | PURCHASE TICKETS
FROM THE ACADEMY AT [LU.MA/JUDITH_NYC](https://lu.ma/judith_nyc) OR [CLICK HERE](#)

September BOOK CLUB

Art restorer and legendary spy Gabriel Allon must solve the perfect crime in the dazzling new tale of murder, greed, and corruption from #1 New York Times bestselling novelist Daniel Silva.

An elegant and stylish journey through the dark side of the art world and the Vatican's murky finances, *An Inside Job* proves once again that Daniel Silva is the reigning master of international intrigue and suspense.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD
at 6:30PM in the Parish Center

RSVP to welcomecenter@stpaultheapostle.org

Bible Study: Prison Series

Join us as we try to understand our world today
through St. Paul's letters written while in Prison

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

6:30 - 8:00

LOCATION: ST PAULS PARISH CENTER



Apostolist



homecoming

OSP will host its first-ever reunion, called Homecoming, on **Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th.**

The weekend will include a talk about the history and future of OSP on Saturday afternoon, a reception on Saturday evening, and Mass on Sunday at 5pm. Everyone who has ever been involved with OSP in any way is invited. If you didn't receive the save-the-date email, please let us know -- and please help us spread the word!

October 11th and 12th

Sign up by clicking the button below, or go to
www.stpaultheapostle.org/homecoming

[Click Here for Interest Form](#)

**Did you or a family member live in San
Juan Hill? Are you a long-time
resident of Amsterdam Houses?
Tell your story!**



*Share your story of the neighborhood in a recorded group
interview with students as part of a living history project
at Fordham University.*



Check out our past archived
conversations with
community members!

If you're interested in the project, contact:
cjordan40@fordham.edu | 931-691-1132



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We are excited to announce the launch of a new podcast from our OCIA ministry called **Inquiry!** Co-hosted by director of OCIA - Dr. Dave de la Fuente - and Fr. Frank DeSiano CSP in collaboration with the OCIA ministry team of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle (NYC), **Inquiry** explores the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, especially as it is experienced at St. Paul's.

Each episode features different members of the parish community: OCIA catechists and team members, current participants, alumni, and parish leaders. We share about the experience of God, the OCIA journey, and the meaning of being Catholic today. This project is made possible by a Paulist Mission Impact Grant.

[Listen to the first few episodes on Spotify by clicking the link here!](#)

SVDP Needs Your Help!

Greetings! The St. Vincent de Paul Society at our church assists members of our parish community in their time of need.



With your support, we have distributed over \$50,000.00 of direct aid to the most vulnerable among us. Some of the things we help with are eviction prevention, utility payments, medical emergencies, clothing and food.

Currently, the need in our community is growing at a rapid pace and we must ask for your help. Please consider donating to our organization so that we can continue our work.

Monetary donations can be made online at svdpspanyc.org, by drop off to the Parish Center or by mail to: SVDP at St. Paul the Apostle Church 405 West 59th Street NY, NY 10019. You can also scan the QR Code below.

Reach us by phone at 203-493-4021. God bless you!



**Scan Here to
Donate Now**



Laudato Si

Ministry at St. Paul's

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OUR WEEKLY REFLECTION](#)

Parish Donations

<u>Collections</u>	Week Ending in 8/17/2025	Week Ending in 8/18/2024
Total	\$7,968	\$9,566
In-Pew	\$7,968	\$9,566
Faith Direct	N/A	N/A
YTD* (+21.78%)	\$1,239,328	\$1,017,641

*Financial Year begins on September 1st and ends August 31st

Monthly Church Operating Budget	FY 2025	FY 2024
August Operating Budget	\$291,500	\$233,333
August In-Pew Collections Total	\$27,189	\$34,406
Sep. '24 to Apr. '25 Cumulative Surplus/Deficit	-\$106,688	-\$112,068

Scenes from the Week



This week, Pope Leo XIV hosted a lunch at Castello Gandolfo where he dined with refugees, homeless, and charity workers from the local chapter of Caritas. The Pope noted the importance of "breaking bread together, a gesture that for us all is deeply significant: the act through which we recognize Jesus Christ present among us."



Holy Humor

St. Thomas



St. Thomas More



St. Thomas One More



St. Thomas Many More



**St. Thomas a little
More**



**St. Thomas no
More**

[See More](#)

Prayer Requests



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Grant eternal rest to Stephani Joy Katechis, Emilia Hernandez Pabon, Dr. Robert K. Eschenauer, Liza Monette David, Robert Nilles, Sr. Angela Stodolski, S.C., Olivia Besteiro , Thomas R. Hessel, Nicholas P. O'Neill, and Marian A Milne.

Grant health and healing to Paula Ryan, Maureen Belsito, Luke Janke, Dee Tomeo, Valerie Bosco, Tony Micakaj, Liza David, Paul Schmittner, Rev. Ronald Yarrosch , Jayne Boccuzzi, Donnie Strickland, Michael Conner, Rudy Alamia, Kathryn Sanders, Christopher Henderson , Lucy Gbile, Francela Lopez, Denise Abady, Albert Besteiro, Shay Gavin, Daniel, Linda and Nathan Wilson, Mary Dare, Kathleen Friel, Yvonne Beatrice, Mary Dare and Luz Maria Baquera.

Grant peace and well-being to Marcine Stephenson, Tessa Grace, Mariana de los Angeles Sevcek, Marcine Stephenson , Antoinette Cinturati, Patrick Brennan, Leonardo Canas, Keon Whyte, Marguerite Zohni, Neil Sussman, Baby Elias, Neil Sussman, Catherene Baker, and Jean Blackwell.

Have someone you would like our parish to pray for? You can submit prayer requests through our online form below. The names in your intentions will be shared with the parish here and will remain in our virtual newsletter one month after submission.

Click the button below to fill out our prayer request form:

[Submit Your Prayer Requests](#)

Mass Intentions

Friday, August 22nd

7:30 AM † Frances Ballantyne

5:00 PM † Olivia Besteiro

Saturday, August 23rd

8:30 AM † The Raha Family

5:00 PM † Hanna & Rebecca Lawrence

Sunday, August 24th

8:00AM † Salvatore & Catherine Mazzela

10:00AM † Jeanie Raymond

12:30PM - For the People

5:00PM † John Dankis

Monday, August 25th

7:30AM † Joseph Amendola

12:10PM † Sr. Maura Fortkort, OSF

Tuesday, August 26th

7:30 AM † Mary Ann Schilare

12:10 PM † Caesar Cordova

Wednesday, August 27th

7:30AM † Nancy G. Carr

12:10PM † Dale Lockett

Thursday, August 28th

7:30 AM - Charles Kane

12:10 PM † Sheri Casey

Parish Information



Church Hours

Monday-Tuesday, Thursday - Friday

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday

7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sunday

7:00 AM - 6:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

7:30 AM and 12:10 PM

Wednesday

7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, and 6:30 PM

Saturday

8:30AM

Sunday Mass

Saturday

5:00 PM (Vigil)

Sunday

8:00 AM - Mass Without Music

10:00 AM - Mass With St. Paul's Choir

12:30 PM - Misa con Coro en Español

5:00 PM - Mass With Inspirit Ensemble



Make a Gift to St. Paul's

You may be away for the summer, but our bills aren't going anywhere! Help us keep the air conditioning running and our ministries flourishing by showing your support to St. Paul's.

Your support is the primary way that we can continue to serve the people of our parish - we've put some information below about how you can give back if you are able to. Please remember that you can have your donations go directly to the ministry of your choice!

To donate online go to stpaultheapostle.org and click on "Make a Donation" in the top right corner. Please remember that you can have your donations go directly to the ministry of your choice!

Or with the Faith Direct Text-TO-GIVE platform, you can text a donation to make a quick gift to help support The Church of St. Paul the Apostle.

Just text **NY539** to the number **(646) 859-1860** to enroll.



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Our services, along with the readings and hymns for weekends, can be found on our [SPA app](#) - you can download it by scanning the relevant QR code above! Our app also has an online "copy" you can access through your phone's browser in case you have difficult accessing it. Find it at <https://stpaulny.web4uapps.com>.



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